(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this matter stating the policy to be adopted by Government for further negotiations between India and Pakistan, India and China and its effect on Indo-China relations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of India and will remain so. This consistent position of Government is well known to both China and Pakistan. Government are committed to resolving all differences with Pakistan including issues related to Jammu and Kashmir peacefully and through bilateral negotiations, in accordance with the Simla Agreement. Government have consistently raised with China the question of Pakistani interference in the internal affairs of the country, including Jammu & Kashmir. Government are sincerely committed to further developing friendly, mutually beneficial and good neighbourly relations with China.

चकमा लोगों के जान-माल की सुरक्षा

1044. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भण्डारी :**

श्री ओ० राजगोपाल :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 23 जनवरी, 1994 को पावत्य चटगांव जन सहमति समिति और बंगलादेश की चटगांव पर्वतीय क्षेत्र के मामलों की समिति के बीच होने वाली बैठक अचानक स्थगित कर दी गयी ;

(ख) क्या भारत सरकार ने बंगलादेश सरकार से इन चकमाओं के जान-माल की सुरक्षा व्यवस्था को सुनिश्चित किया है; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि बंगलादेश में चकमा परिषद् का भू-भाग 5,000 वर्ग किलोमीटर से घट कर अब 440 वर्ग किलोमीटर हो गया है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) : (क) हमने इस आशय की खबरें देखी हैं कि 23 जनवरी, 1994 के लिए निर्धारित उक्त बैठक नहीं हुई।

(ख) बंगलादेश के संचार मंत्री तथा सी० एच० टी० से सम्बद्ध समिति के अध्यक्ष कर्नल औली अहमद ने 24 जनवरी, 1994 को जारी एक प्रेस विज्ञप्ति में अपनी सरकार की यह बचनबद्धता दोहरायी कि वह चकमा शरणार्थियों को पूरी सुरक्षा तथा हिफाजत" के साथ वापस बुलाएगी। उन्होंने इस आश्वासन की भी पुनः पुष्टि की कि इन शरणार्थियो को उनके घर तथा उनकी जायज सम्पत्तियां वापस दी जाएगी ताकि वे सम्मानपूर्वक रह सकें।

(ग) इस पहलू के संबंध में कोई सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं है और बहरहाल यह बंगलादेश का एक आन्तरिक मामला है।

Pak Nuclear Programme runs into rough weather

1045. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 2nd January, 1994 under the caption "Pak Nuclear programme runs into rough weather" and Pakistan is now trying to procure, develop and control mechanism from other countries; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking in the international forum to stop Pakistan from developing a nuclear device ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) Government has seen the press report. Pakistan is not a party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Export controls on nuclear related items and technologies are exercised by the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG). India is not a member of the NSG. However, Government in its bilateral talks with other

countries as well as in multilateral fora, has consistently highlighted the clandestine nature of Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme.

Formulation of investment promotion strategy in India

1046. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated any investment promotion strategy to highlight the comparative advantages of investment in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministry of External Affairs has formulated and is implementing a comprehensive investment promotion strategy aimed at promoting foreign investment into India.

Within the broad framework of this strategy, several steps have been taken to disseminate information about India's new economic policies and highlight the comparative advantages of investment into India.

(1) Several promotional events have been organised both abroad as well as in India to project the country as an attractive investments destination to international corporate and business audiences. These promotional events have been addressed by Ministers and senior Government officials as well as representative of business and industry.

(2) In addition, bilateral visits of Government delegations to important countries are used to address targetted business audiences and inform them of our liberalised economic policies.

(3) Government is working with apex industry organisations in its efforts to attract foreign investment. Overseas visits of Indian business delegations are in particular, being used to project India. Our apex Chambers have, in collaboration with their overseas counterparts and with the active participation of Indian Embassies abroad, organised several promotional events on the opportunities for investment in India.

(4) Intensive interactions have been organised on investment issues with several visiting high level business delegations. Such delegations have been given assistance in meeting with relevant institutions and Ministries.

(5) Importance has been given to developing suitable publicity material aimed at projecting India as an attractive investment destination Publicity kits comprising brochures, a floppy diskette entitled "Doing Business with India" and video presentations have been regularly prepared and updated. Government has worked closely with apex Chambers and with business and industry in preparing these materials aimed at projecting the liberalised economic policies.

(6) India's Embassies abroad have accorded high priority to projecting India's economic and commercial interests and in particular, to attracting foreign investment into India. As part of this effort, Heads of Missions and other officers have developed a wide range of contacts with local business communities as well as NRI businessmen and are constantly trying to motivate them to invest in India.

(7) Government proposes to continue with these steps for disseminating information about our economic reform programme amongst foreign investors. In particular, it is intended to lay increasing emphasis on a sector-specific approach in investment promotion efforts. Government and our Embassis abroad are trying to and will continue to utilise every available opportunity to project India as an investment destination.

Indo-German talks on Kashmir Issue

1047. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Germany has rebuffed Indian Prime Minister's pleading for support on Kashmir;

(b) whether or not the German Chancellor cold-shouldered the Indian Prime Minister's pleadings for lending support to the idea of solving Kashmir issue through bilateral negotiations in terms of Simla Agreement;

(c) whether or not the German Chancellor cold-shouldered the Indian Prime Minister's proposal to freeze Kashmir issue in order to try to remove other irritants in Indo-Pak-relations; and